

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1934.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, on Wednesday, September 5th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent and Budget Director, attended the meeting. Mr. Kirkman went over with the Board the work which had been done by himself and Mr. McCusker, Chief Deputy Comptroller, in connection with allotments out of the Reserve Fund and Emergency Contingent Reserve Fund to the various State Agencies in connection with the Budgets of such Agencies for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 1934. Mr. Kirkman explained that it was considered desirable to limit the allotments out of the two Funds to \$500,00.00 to begin with, reserving the balance of \$150,000.00 in the Funds for emergencies which might arise during the fiscal year. It was stated that after allotments which it was thought were necessary to maintain the Departments throughout the year were made, the total of the allotments amounting to about \$511,000.00, that the excess of \$11,000.00 could be pared from the estimated requirements of the Penal Institutions. The Board was favorable to these suggestions and recommendations, and authorized Mr. Kirkman to arrange Departmental Budgets accordingly.

It was also agreed that deficiencies in the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1934 occurring in several of the State Agencies should be taken care of, transferring the necessary amounts from the Emergency Fund for the fiscal year 1934 to the Budgets of the Agencies having deficits. The total of the deficits was estimated to be approximately \$39,000.00.

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the matter of providing a barn for cows at Crownsville State Hospital. The barn at the Institution at this time is not adequate to take care of the number of cows owned by the Hospital, the herd having increased somewhat since the building of the present barn. It is contemplated further increasing the size of the herd. Mr. Kirkman stated that the

Hospital would have an unexpended balance in their maintenance appropriation for the current fiscal year of approximately \$15,000.00, and that the Hospital requested authority to use approximately \$12,000.00 for the construction of a new barn.

The Board was agreeable to the request, and approved it.

The question of erecting a building at Crownsville State Hospital for feeble-minded colored was discussed, the appropriation for the work having been included in the General Construction Loan of 1931, the work not having been done because of financial contingencies.

The Board thought it proper at this time to authorize the Institution to proceed with plans for the work, and the asking of bids, and directed that this information be conveyed to the Institution authorities.

The question of erecting an Auditorium and Vocational Therapy Building at Spring Grove State Hospital, was considered. There is an appropriation available for the erection of an additional building intended to take care of ninety more patients. Doctor Garrett, Superintendent of the Hospital, and Dr. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, advised the erection of a two story building, one floor to be used for an amusement hall, and the other for an occupational therapy department, with the converting of the space now used in another building as an amusement hall and occupational therapy department into bed space for ninety patients, which would still leave adequate kitchen and dining room facilities.

Mr. Kirkman and Mr. Gordy had gone over this matter thoroughly with Doctor Garrett and Doctor Preston during the Governor's absence, and after having explained things thoroughly to the Governor, the members of the Board were of the opinion that the plan was very desirable, and authorized the doing of the work in accordance therewith.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the question of rent for space occupied by the Maryland Tercentenary Commission in office 902 Union Trust Building. It was stated that the Board was under the impression the Union Trust Company was to make this space available to the Maryland Tercentenary Commission without cost in view of the fact that there were no tenants available for the space at the time.

Mr. Dennis was requested to take the matter up with the Union Trust Company, and endeavor to have the bill to the State for the space cancelled.

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The following letter from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, was read and approved -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

August 20, 1934.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval of the Board of Regents for the purchase of a tract of land in Allegany County, adjacent to the Green Ridge State Forest, is requested. The tract is described as follows:

Tract #24, consisting of 350 acres, owned by the Tanzer heirs, @ \$2. per acre.

This land has been examined and found well suited for an addition to the Green Ridge State Forest. The tract is well covered with young timber and consists of good timber growing land. The title is being perfected by equity proceedings on the part of the Tanzer heirs, a proceeding recommended by the Attorney General. A survey is being made to determine the exact acreage and fix the boundaries. I consider this tract a very desirable purchase at the price offered, and recommend its acquisition.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

FWB/r

9-5-34

After due consideration the Board authorized the purchase of the land by Mr. Besley.

The following letter, dated June 1st, 1934, from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, was read and considered:-

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

June 1, 1934.

The Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Tract No. 20.

Approval is requested for the acceptance as a gift from Mr. John M. Glenn, 1 Lexington Ave., New York, 12.64 acres of land bordering the Patapsco State Forest, near Ilchester. This land is adjacent to and similar to that which cost the State \$50. per acre several years ago, and is a most desirable addition to the Patapsco State Forest.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. J. Besley,

State Forester.

FWB.r

After due consideration the Board authorized the acceptance of the land as a gift by Mr. Besley.

The following letter dated June 21st, 1934, from the State Department of Forestry, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

June 21, 1934.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

Will you kindly request authority from the Board of Public Works for the purchase of 2.63 acres, to be used as a tower site, near Greenhill, Somerset County, at a price of \$90. This site is to be secured from the Leibrand estate, which is heavily mortgaged under a Federal Loan, and the amount paid for the site will be applied towards the loan.

This tower is to be erected from funds allotted to us from the Federal Government under authorization of the Clarke-McNary Law. We expect to make use of labor at the C.C.C. Camp near Snow Hill in erecting this structure.

During the last year or two, we have accepted through gifts several new tower sites with the assumption that the approval of the Board of Public Works was not required since no expenditure was involved. In these cases, the purchase of materials and equipment has been provided through Federal allotments. In case the Board of Public Works wishes to be consulted regarding gifts of these small sites, kindly advise so that we can revise our procedure. Approval for acceptance of such gifts has been obtained in each case from the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter J. Quick, Jr.
Walter J. Quick, Jr.,
Assistant Forester.

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After due consideration the Board authorized the purchase of the land by the State Department of Forestry.

The following letter addressed to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the State Auditor under date of July 10th, 1934, was read and considered -

STATE AUDITOR

July 10, 1934.

Colonel E. Austin Baughman,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
21st and Guilford Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Attention of Mr. Owen R.E. McGeeney,
Auditing Department.

Dear Sir:-

Motor appeal cases - Howard County.

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 9, 1934 from James Clark, State's Attorney for Howard County, relative to certain motor appeal cases about which I wrote him on June 12th, a copy of my letter having been sent to you, and he advises as follows:

Bowdin Purdy - Defendant served sixty days in jail in lieu of fine.

Robert Kingsbury-The defendant failed to appear when his cases were called. The surety on his bond was found to be worthless and an attachment for his arrest was issued by the Court; however, he has left Howard County and to date has not been located.

Karl Halmyer - The defendant in these cases went to Philadelphia and refused to return to Maryland. Accordingly, the Court dismissed the appeals and ordered forfeited the bond of the Concord Casualty and Surety Company in the amount of \$300.00. However, this insurance company has been taken over by the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York and there does not appear to be much likelihood of any recovery.

It is recommended that the Board of Public Works be requested to authorize the charging off of the fines in the two cases mentioned last above, totaling \$151.00, \$16.00 against Robert Kingsbury and \$135.00 against Karl Halmyer.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Edmund R. Stewart,
State Auditor.

The Board authorized the writing off of the uncollectible accounts.

The following letter from Wilmer H. Driver, Attorney, Baltimore, was read and considered:-

WILMER H. DRIVER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1125 Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, Md.
July 11, 1934.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Chief Clerk,
Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

A client of mine is interested in purchasing the State property located at the northwest corner of Greenmount Ave. & Truxton St., this city, and in accordance with a suggestion of Mr. William S. Gordy, State Comptroller, I am addressing this letter to you for the purpose of submitting an offer for the property above mentioned.

As you undoubtedly know, this property is the site of a very antiquated hay scale, and before the same could be of any use to my client, it would be necessary to go to considerable expense to remove the present structure. Therefore, I wish to submit an offer of \$500.00.

I will appreciate a prompt reply, in view of the fact that my client is considering the purchase of another property. If the figure submitted is not satisfactory, I wish that you would advise me of such amount as would be acceptable to the State.

Very truly yours,

WHD:d

/s/ Wilmer H. Driver

The Board was of the opinion that some idea of the value of the property should be obtained from some real estate appraiser, and requested the Secretary to communicate with Wm. Martien & Co. Inc., and have them give a report on the present valuation of the property.

B. Z. Fund

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of paying items aggregating \$460.25, covering traveling expenses of members of the Police Department of Baltimore City and stenographic services of Charles I. Kratz, in the amounts of \$128.75 and \$331.50, in connection with the case of George Armwood.

The Board authorized the payment of these items out of the Emergency Reserve Fund.

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The following letter from Hargest, LeViness, Duckett & McGlannan, Attorneys for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was read and considered:-

HARGEST, LEVINESS, DUCKETT & MCGLANNAN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1615-1622 MUNSEY BUILDING
BALTIMORE MARYLAND.
August 1, 1934.

In Re: P. B. & W. R.R. - Electrification - Proposed purchase of strip containing 0.151 acre from the State of Maryland (Maryland State Normal School for Colored Teachers)

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Attention: Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker.

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with our recent conversation at Annapolis, I am enclosing duplicate copies of plat and description showing the small strip of land proposed to be purchased by The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company from the State of Maryland at the Maryland State Normal School for Colored Teachers, Prince George's County, Maryland.

It is my understanding that you wish the State Law Department to prepare the bill to be introduced in the Maryland Legislature, authorizing this sale and that the Railroad Company will thereafter be given a fee simple deed to the property upon payment of the purchase price of \$100.00 agreed upon. The price, as you know, was made rather high when we consider the actual value of land per acre in this locality, but the Railroad agreed to this price due to the trouble and

procedure to be incurred by the State to effect the transfer.

If we can be of any further assistance in the matter, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

/s/ O. Bowie Duckett, Jr.

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OBDJr. B

The Board was agreeable to the proposition of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the purchase of the small strip of land, and agreed to secure the necessary authority for conveying the land to the Railroad Company through a bill to be introduced in the General Assembly of 1935.

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The following letter to the Mississippi Valley Committee, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, under date of August 1st, 1934, was read, and directed to be included in the Minutes of the Board of Public Works:-

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August 1, 1934.

Mr. Morris L. Cooke, Chairman,
Mississippi Valley Committee,
Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works,
Department of Interior Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

It is our understanding that the Upper Potomac River Board has submitted through the regular channels of the Public Works Emergency Administration, a project for controlling the flow of the water in the Upper Potomac River, by the construction of a dam and impounding reservoir on the Savage River in Maryland.

We have familiarized ourselves with the character, cost and advantages of this project and we should like to add our distinct

approval of the application. The project has so many merits of general advantage to the States of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia and to all its subsidiary local areas, that we hope that your Committee will find it possible to pass favorably thereon in the near future.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MARYLAND
Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller.
John M. Dennis, State Treasurer.

By:

Secretary.

The Secretary presented to the Board a bill of A. Raymond Childs, Randallstown, Maryland, dated August 28th, 1934, in the amount of \$36.74, for plumbing work at the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers Home, Pikesville. The bill was forwarded by Mr. M. M. Tunis, custodian of the property, and approved by him.

The Board authorized the payment of the bill out of the Contingent Fund.

The following letter from Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect for the Hall of Records, was read and considered:-

Laurence - Hall - Fowler
Architect
347 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md.

August 30th, 1934.

Re: HALL OF RECORDS
Annapolis, Md.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed is a copy of estimate from the Consolidated Engineering Co. Incl, for laying a brick walk from the corner of College Avenue and St. John's St., diagonally across the campus to McDowell Hall, to replace an old concrete walk which had to be removed in order to establish the new grades about the Hall of Records.

When the specifications were written, it seemed likely that this walk would not have to be relaid, so that only its removal is included in the Contract. However, the St. Johns' Authorities now ask that the walk be replaced, as otherwise the students would wear an unsightly path across the campus, and furthermore, there is a cherished student tradition connected with it.

The original walk was 4'-0" wide, perhaps it could be reduced to 3'-6" and still accommodate two abreast, but it should not be less in width. The brick blocks with grass between, will give the most sightly result.

Will you please let me know how to dispose of this matter?

Very truly yours,

LHF-LR

/s/ Laurence Hall Fowler.

CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.
St. Paul and Franklin Streets,
Baltimore, Maryland.

August 28th, 1934.

RE HALL OF RECORDS

Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect,
347 N. Charles Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

We estimate the cost of laying a brick surfaced side walk along the line of the original concrete walk on the St. John's Campus grounds at ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1150.00).

We have estimated on this walk being 4' wide, laid in blocks 4' wide and 22" long, leaving a 6" grass space between each block. This would make the blocks 2' - 4" center to center. We have figured on installing cinder concrete base, the same as specified for the other brick walks and have figured on laying these brick flat without any border.

The entire walk to be depressed slightly (approximately 2") below the grass surface.

If this walk is made 3'-6" wide the price will be Ten Hundred eight Dollars (\$1008.00); if it is made 3' wide the price will be Eight hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$864.00).

Respectfully submitted,
CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING CO. INC.

Signed John T. Frantz
Asst. Mngr. Bldg. Dept.

JTF:EJM

The Board approved the laying of a brick walk as covered by the correspondence, at a price of \$1,150.00.

The following letter from Rosewood State Training School, was read and considered:-

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

July 16, 1934.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

Authority is requested to charge from our books the following list of patients' accounts which are uncollectible, and upon which we have been unable to obtain any payments for sometime.

Harry L. Barnes, Jr.	\$	125.00
Robert W. Wise		90.00
Walter F. Lindenberg		50.00
Eileen Hogan		25.00
Flora Krakower		300.00
Helen P. Witzel		155.00
Isaac Kern		150.00
Gerald Scott		150.00
Walter Richardson		.36

\$1,045.36

The above list of accounts has been submitted to our Board, and it has approved same for submission to your Board.

Very truly yours,

/s/ K. B. Jones,

K. B. Jones,
Superintendent.

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The Board authorized the writing off of the uncollectible accounts listed in the foregoing letter.

The Secretary reported in connection with the installation of a sprinkler system in the kitchen and laundry building at Rosewood State Training School. The State Purchasing Agent had secured prices for the work and given a contract to the Automatic Sprinkler Corporation of America, at their price of \$3,557.00.

The work is practically completed.

The following letter from the Department of Public Works,
dated August 9th, 1934, was read and considered -

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Chief Engineer's Office

August 9, 1934.

Honorable Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Sir:

The City operates the Iceboat "Annapolis" for the purpose of keeping the channel in the Bay and the lower rivers free from ice during the winter. The State budget contains an appropriation of \$13,151.00, as the State's contribution towards its operation, which is an assumed one-half.

It now develops that due to the extraordinary service required of this Iceboat during last winter, it will be necessary that major repairs be made to the boat to the amount of approximately \$40,000.00, and it would be deeply appreciated if you would take this under consideration, with the end in view that the next State budget contain reimbursement for one-half the cost of these repairs as the State's contribution.

Of course, the City will of necessity make the repairs, so that the Iceboat can give service during next winter.

Thanking you very much for your attention, and assuring you of our cooperation, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bernard L. Crozier.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

BLC:RG
Copy to
Hon. Howard W. Jackson,
Mr. Herbert Fallin.

The Board was unable to take any action on the request of the City for funds in connection with the repairs to the boat, because of the lack of funds, and decided that if the State was to share in the cost of the work, the money therefor must be appropriated by the General Assembly of 1935.

There being no further business, the meeting
adjourned.

Joseph C. Mcclusker
Secretary.